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LETTER DATED 28 FEBRUARY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a letter by His Excellency Dr. Ali Akbar Velayati, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to Your Excellency.

I will be grateful if this letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kamal KHARRAZI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 28 February 1991 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Secretary-General

I have received with pleasure and appreciation Your Excellency's report on the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIIMOG) contained in S/22263, which confirms the completion of withdrawal of forces to the internationally recognized boundaries as determined by the Treaty Concerning the State Frontier and Neighborly Relations between Iran and Iraq of 13 June 1975 and its protocols and annexes. As we come to a new phase of United Nations involvement in the process of implementation of Security Council Resolution 598 (1987), I wish to express the thanks and appreciation of my government to Your Excellency, your colleagues, UNIIMOG personnel and contributing countries for the tireless efforts aimed at the implementation of Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Security Council Resolution 598.

My Government also welcomes your decision contained in the above-mentioned report to take practical measures for the implementation of other provisions of resolution 598. The Islamic Republic of Iran has consistently emphasized the necessity of implementation of all provisions of this mandatory resolution of the Security Council as necessary steps to restore peace and stability in the Persian Gulf region. As Your Excellency has indicated in your report of 23 November 1990 (S/21690), I reiterated in our meeting of 26 September 1990 that "paragraphs 1 to 4 were being implemented, while paragraphs 6, 7, and 8, which conferred a mandate on the Secretary-General, still were not implemented." We are confident that through the practical measures that Your Excellency intends to take, the full implementation of these remaining provisions of SCR 598 will be achieved.

With the military stage of the unfortunate crisis in the Persian Gulf coming to a close, the task of ensuring peace and stability in the volatile Persian Gulf region is, as it should have been, the center of international attention. This regrettable crisis has illustrated the wisdom of Security Council Resolution 598 whose implementation in its entirety would have most probably spared our region from yet another aggression. Therefore, the absolute imperative of the full implementation of this mandatory resolution without further delay is vital today.

The realization of lasting security and cooperation arrangements in the Persian Gulf area, as envisaged in paragraph 8 of SCR 598, is only possible through the active participation of the states of the Persian Gulf without foreign presence or intervention.

The Islamic Republic of Iran firmly believes that this process should be undertaken under the auspices of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and with his active contribution. This would ensure compatibility with United Nations principles and objectives, and would provide the necessary global dimension. The

Islamic Republic of Iran reiterates its readiness to cooperate fully with Your Excellency in this vitally important undertaking.

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the Islamic Republic of Iran